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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

January 7, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the rewritten Abstract of the Disclosure attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

AL SWOBT A composition as claimed in claim 1, (amended) characterized in that the non-aromatic epoxy resin is a branched aliphatic epoxy resin .--